

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 7th July 2015 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs C Kulukundis, Mr Robert Davies, Sir D Logan (Chairman) and Mr S Papacostantinou.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

1. Election Of Chairman.

Cllr R Davies proposed, Cllr S Papacostantinou seconded and it was agreed to elect Cllr Logan to Chair the meeting, the council also agreed to elect a chairman at each and every meeting, until a councillor felt they were able to be Chairman.

2. Co Opt Councillors On To The Council.

The council agreed to co-opt Mr J Van Den Broek, unfortunately he is only holiday, the council agreed for him and Cllr Darby to sign their acceptance of office either before or at the next meeting. Co-option for a further councillor will take place at the September meeting.

3. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Darby and Mr J Van den Broek.

Due to the lack of parishioners the meeting continued.

4. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest held by Wychavon and to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature.

5. To Elect a Vice Chairman.

Deferred.

6. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 12th May 2015.

The minutes having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as a true record.

7. To Discuss The Placing Of Parish Councils Notices.

Clerk to ask if there is a key to the notice board that the parish council could have.

8. Finance

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

The council agreed for cheques to be signed by two councillors (bank requirement) and not three (Kemerton Standing Orders) until the new councillors are added to the mandate.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:- Ian Selkirk (Internal Audit) £85.00, W CALC £16.25, Printland Speed Calming Document) £144.00, M Farey (Bus shelter Cleaning) £75.00, Clerks Expenses £54.47, HMRC (PAYE) £178.40.

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

Bank balance was presented to the council.

The following remittance had been received; - WCC £143.75

9. Planning.

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- a) To Ratify The Comments For Applications Submitted Since The Last Meeting.
- I. W/15/01330/PP - Hunters Gate, High Street, Kemerton. Erection of orangery. The parish council has no reason to object to this proposal.
 - II. W/15/01649/LB - Brookside Cottage, Peppercorn Lane. 3 new windows (1 x rear bedroom, 2 x to kitchen). The parish council has no reason to object to this proposal.
 - III. W/15/01417/CU - Crown Inn, High Street, Kemerton. Conversion of store rooms plus single storey new build element to create ancillary accommodation. Change of use of residential bedrooms in pub to commercial use (B&B) - as approved under permission ref no. W/14/01014/CU without compliance with condition 5 (to allow part of managers flat to be used as two additional bed and breakfast rooms). The council is concerned at the lack of plans and the clerk to contact Wychavon and ask for the following.
Existing and proposed plans with elevations, as the current plan does not show the entrance (doors) to proposed bedrooms or the split of one room into two.
- b) To Consider Planning Applications Submitted since the Publishing of the Agenda.
- c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Approved by Wychavon.

W/15/00836/PP - Jasmine Cottage, Hill Road, Kemerton.

W/15/00818/PP - Chapel House, Hill Road, Kemerton.

W/15/01330/PP - Hunters Gate, High Street, Kemerton.

10. County Councillor Report.

No report.

11. District Councillor Report.

Report of Wychavon Councillor Adrian Darby to Kemerton Parish Council

I am happy to say that I was re-elected on May 7, although with a much reduced majority. Indeed, all five Liberal Democrats on Wychavon DC retained their seats, much against the national trend. This meant that we had enough members to allow me to be re-appointed to the planning committee and I believe I am to remain as heritage champion although this has still to be officially confirmed. I have now attended the first two planning committees of the new council under a new chairman, Paul Middlebrough, who was previously leader of the council.

My reason for seeking re-election, at an age when I had hoped to retire, was to see the South Worcestershire Development Plan through to completion. I have been reappointed as a member of the Joint Advisory Panel which is supporting the officers of the three South Worcestershire Councils in the preparation of this plan. The examination in public of this plan ended on June 17th and the inspector now has to go away and write his report, which we hope to receive by August this year. Last month I attended the session which dealt with the allocations in Wychavon Category two and three Villages. There are sites in Kemerton, Conderton, Overbury, and Ashton under Hill, but none in Beckford. The only controversy is about the site at Ashton opposite the Bredon Hill Middle School where the developer was seeking an increase from the 12 houses put forward by the council to 25. There has already been an application for the larger number which was turned down by Wychavon and I spoke for Wychavon at an appeal hearing this refusal, arguing that since the site is in the AONB it should be limited in size and restricted to the roadside. Having given evidence at the two appeals in Bredon which Wychavon has won in the last six months, I am now getting used to this sort of thing. I am happy to say that the inspector has turned down the appeal. The landscape evidence for Wychavon was given most expertly by my son Matthew.

12. Progress Reports for Information.

- a) Clerk.

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Report had been circulated.

Clerk to contact Mr M Farey re Lengthsman position.

b) Traffic Calming.

Despite E Mailing Cllr Hardman and Highways, no further information has been received.

c) Overhead Electric cables.

Awaiting response for Western Power.

d) War Memorial.

The grant has been awarded awaiting dates for the work to be carried out.

e) Flood Meeting.

A drainage survey has been carried out by highways, some small works have been carried out including where services have gone through pipes, replacing / repairing manhole covers and carrying out some basic repairs, a large jet vac tanker that will be on site for two days root cutting and clearing large deposits of scale in the pipes.

A scheme has been programmed for later in the year to address drainage problems at the top of the village.

f) Footpaths.

Work has been carried out to alleviate the mud at the squitter brook.

13. Correspondence For Information. (Listed on the Clerk's Report.)

- Transparency Code for smaller authorities.

The following will be available on

<http://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish/Welcome.aspx?ParishID=128&PostCode=GL207JE&Prop=0&partner=wdc&MarriedTo=0>

Within one month

Agenda, minutes and papers from formal meetings in either draft or final form.

All items of expenditure are published within the parish council minutes.

By the 1st July each year.

The end of year accounts, for the previous year, including bank reconciliation, an explanation of significant differences, annual governance statement, internal audit report, list of councillors and their responsibilities and if they represent the council on external bodies.

A list of public land and assets owned by the council.

- Cllr Davies will be attending "Managing The Council" on the 8th July at County Hall.
- Two complaints have been received re grass cutting which have now been rectified.

14. Items for Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.

To discuss assets of community value.

New Homes Bonus - Clerk to advertise New Homes Bonus.

15. Date Of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 1st September, Cllr Logan gave his apologies.